

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BJ 2008 - 100

HURRICANE IKE DELAY AND RESCHEDULING OF ELECTIONS IN CAMERON AND TERREBONNE PARISHES

WHEREAS,

"in order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons seeking to qualify or exercise their right to vote, to minimize to whatever degree possible a person's exposure to danger during declared states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of the electoral process," the Louisiana Legislature enacted R.S. 18:401.1 to provide "a procedure for the emergency suspension or delay and rescheduling of qualifying, early voting, and elections";

WHEREAS,

on September 16, 2008, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:401.1(B), the Secretary of State certified to the Governor that as a result of Hurricane Ike a state of emergency exists in the parishes of Cameron and Terrebonne;

WHEREAS,

pursuant to the Secretary of State's September 16, 2008 certification, the Secretary of State recommended that an executive order be issued to delay and reschedule the elections for: justice of the peace, Justice of the Peace Ward 3; constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 3; and constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 6 scheduled in the parish of Cameron for Saturday, October 4, 2008, from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., with early voting scheduled for September 20-27, 2008;

WHEREAS,

pursuant to the Secretary of State's September 16, 2008 certification, the Secretary of State recommended that an executive order be issued to delay and reschedule the elections for: council member, District 6; city marshal, City Court, city of Houma; justice of the peace, Justice of the Peace Ward 5; justice of the peace, Justice of the Peace Ward 8; justice of the peace, Justice of the Peace Ward 9; constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 1; and constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 5 in the parish of Terrebonne scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2008, from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., with early voting scheduled fro September 20-27, 2008; and

WHEREAS.

pursuant to the Secretary of State's September 16, 2008 certification, the Secretary of State recommended that an executive order be issued to delay and reschedule the general election, if necessary, for council member, District 6, in the parish of Terrebonne scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2008, from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., with early voting scheduled for October 21-28, 2008;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BOBBY JINDAL, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1:

Under the authority of R.S. 18:401.1(B) and based on the September 16, 2008 certification from the Secretary of State that a state of emergency exists in the parishes of Cameron and Terrebonne, and the September 16, 2008 recommendation that the elections be delayed and rescheduled, these elections are rescheduled as follows:

- A. In Cameron Parish, the elections for justice of the peace, justice of the Peace Ward 3; constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 3; and constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 6 is delayed and rescheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2008, from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. with early voting to be held October 21-28, 2008.
- B. In Terrebonne Parish, the elections for council member, District 6; city marshal, City Court, city of Houma; justice of the peace, Justice of the Peace Ward 5; justice of the peace, Justice of the Peace Ward 8; justice of the peace, Justice of the Peace Ward 1; and constable, Justice

- of the Peace Ward 5, is delayed and rescheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2008, from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. with early voting to be held October 21-28, 2008.
- C. In Terrebonne Parish, the general election for council member, District 6, if necessary, is delayed and rescheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2008, from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., with early voting to be held November 18-25, 2008.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature.



ATTEST BY THE GOVERNOR

/S/ Jay Dardenne SECRETARY OF STATE **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 17th day of September, 2008.

/S/ Bobby Jindal GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA